

Subject: Freds LAUNAGS in Canada (June 1966)
To: Paul
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On June 17, 1966 Bruno SMITS informed us that Freds is in Canada on his way to Latvia. SMITS reported the events as follow:

1. During the Memorial Day weekend SMITS found in his car parked in front of his residence 760 Riverside Drive a note written by FRED saying that he is walking to the North.

2. A week later (June 3rd) SMITS received a collect telephone call from FRED asking for his Naturalization papers, which he had left with his things in care of a superintendent OSIENS in New York.

Freds also told that he is staying in the Queen Elizabeth Hotel Room 1658 under the name of Lins LAUNS and said that he is having some trouble with the Canadian Police, but the "authorities" are working to arrange his trip back to Latvia.

For unexplained reasons Smits did not inform us about this until June 16th.

3. On 16 June Smits got another collect phone call from FRED this time saying that he is in some kind of complications with the Police and is penniless. He asked for some money to be sent to the Montreal Airport Hilton hotel on his real name. When SMITS asked about his plans to return to Latvia, Freds answered, that the "Authorities" are working toward it and he hopes to get under way by Monday 20 June. FRED hoped that by that date they will give him a final answer. He further said that he is planning to visit on his way to Latvia Geneva and Zurich, where he is going to meet Latvian representative Arnolds SKREBERS.

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4. 17 June Mrs. Smits mailed FRED to Hilton hotel the 5 dollars by Air Mail.

5. In the afternoon of 17 June, we tried to contact some Latvians in Canada, who could learn something more about FRED's whereabouts. We tried to contact Janis NIEDRA, Arnolds LUSIS and VALDMANIS. No one could be reached.

6. On June 19th we learned ~~XXXX~~ from the Latvia, Minister VEINBERGS, that in Montreal is a Latvian Minister Arturs VOITKUS whose phone number is HU-93224 residing at 3438 Rosedale, Montreal 28.

At approx. 15:00 hrs we contacted by telephone VOITKUS, who already was informed about F^{red} from the Latvian Consul TOMSONS. According to TOMSONS, FRED contacted TOMSONS already a week or so ago, asking how to get back Latvian citizenship and produced his old Latvian passport telling that he had given his Latvian foreign passport to the American authorities at the time he got his AU citizenship. At that time he was ~~XXXX~~ registered at the Queen Elizabeth hotel under the name of Lins LAUKS. FRED asked for some money and TOMSONS gave him five dollars.

In the meantime FRED has called Latvian diplomatic representative SPEKKE in Washington asking for some funds. He- Spekke replied, that he should deal with TOMSONS.

Then on June 16 Freds telephoned TOMSONS again and ordered him to come to the hotel immediately and bring some \$390.- because he is having ~~XX~~ difficulties with the Canadian police.

VOITKUS informed us further that TOMSONS was called by a certain ~~TEPIN~~ Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ from the Immigration authorities in Montreal and asked if he could help them make FRED cooperate. About all this TOMSONS had written a report and submitted by mail to Latvian Legation ~~XX~~ in Washington.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ VOITKUS was informed ~~about the~~

that FREDS is arrested and is in the Montreal City Jail. He was asked to find out about the hearing on 20 June. VOITKUS said that he is going to contact TOMSONS about that and promised to interfere and inform us further.

7. At 23:00 hrs we called VOITKUS again. He said that he ~~was~~ could not find out the place and time of the hearing, but TOMSONS will contact ~~again~~ ^{TEPIN} in the morning of 20 June.

8. 20 June we contacted TOMSONS at 10:00 hrs. At that time he had not contact with Mr. TEPAIN, but added that FREDS is going to be extradited from Canada and that his case more or less is in the hands of the Immigration authorities. TOMSONS said that during the interrogation, Freds asked the authorities to send a telegram to Riga to the Ministers Council collect. If that was refused, he asked to be telephoned.

At 12:00 hours we contacted TOMSONS again and then he had a talk with TEPIN. He said that FREDS is still in the detention place of the Immigration authorities, but will be brought to court for a mere formality. The Immigration authorities are aware that FREDS is a mental case, but he will be given a chance to defend himself through a counselor. An organization called The League for Human Rights with its head Mr. Shephard usually are assigned for such cases. Mr. Shephard could not be there himself, therefore a certain SHAPIRO is going to be a council for FRED.

TOMSONS was given the name of DR. ☐ who could give a professional testimony, that FREDS needs treatment. This information was given to Mr. TEPIN, who said that the hearing will be held on the 20th June and then deported to the US. Although T. mentioned to have someone in NY to place FRED in the hospital.

9. DR. ☐ was contacted on 20 June and informed about FRED. He was willing to give the necessary information if he will be asked and if possible try to get FRED in his hospital. Although he doubted the possibility, that FRED could be assigned to his hospital, because the

INS have their own procedures.

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